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Idaho Pelt Production up 3 Percent

Mink pelt production in Idaho in 2010 totaled 259,300 pelts, up 3 percent from 2009, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total Idaho production in 2010 is as follows: Mahogany at 46 percent, Black at 43 percent, Sapphire at 3 percent, and Pastel at 2 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 6 percent. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2011 totaled 65,800, up 8 percent from the previous year.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2010 totaled 2.82 million pelts, down 2 percent from 2009. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 883,430 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 677,900 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total United States production in 2010 is as follows: Black at 51 percent, Mahogany at 26 percent, Blue Iris at 9 percent, and Demi/Wild at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 10 percent. Value of pelts produced during the 2010 crop year was 231 million, up 24 percent from \$187 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2010 crop year was \$81.90, up \$16.80 from \$65.10 in 2009. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2011 totaled 701,000, up 5 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2011 by color class is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 25 percent, Blue Iris at 8 percent, and Demi/Wild at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 11 percent. Mink farms producing pelts in 2010 totaled 265, down 5 percent from a year ago.

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